

Bureau of Prisons Agency Report

March 2009 PharmPAC Meeting

- 5 SR COSTEPs graduating in May 2009. Placements are currently underway. Potentially looking at single digit vacancies once these new pharmacists are on board.
- One institution approved for Assignment Incentive Pay (AIP). Will be posted on PHS Vacancy database in the very near future
- 5 SR COSTEPs selected who will graduate in May 2010.
- No Jr COSTEPs will be selected by BOP.
- All Regional Chief Pharmacists will be on board by April 12th, 2009.
- Central Processing Chief selected and on board.
- Central Processing Staff pharmacists selected and notified. Start dates pending.
- BOP will have a booth at APhA located in close proximity to IHS and PHS. Co-location has a history of having a synergistic effect.
- BOP multi-disciplinary orientation meeting being held in May 2009 and will contain 20 BOP (17 PHS and 3 civil service) pharmacists who were brought on board in CY 2008. Total of ~ 100 healthcare professionals. There will be two days of plenary sessions and one day of category breakout. There will also be a one or two hour CS and PHS breakout sessions. It is hoped that this will continue on an annual basis to give everyone the tools to be successful with their positions and increase retention.
- Electronic Medication Administration Record is about 50% deployed through EMR
- Currently working on scope documents for a closed loop verification and distribution process as well as an OTC distribution function tied into commissary.